

EXHIBIT 1

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE ALTA MESA RESOURCES, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 4:19-cv-00957

Judge George C. Hanks, Jr.

DECLARATION OF J. CHRISTIAN WORD

I, J. Christian Word, declare the following pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Latham & Watkins L.L.P., which is counsel of record for Defendants Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. (f/k/a Silver Run Acquisition Corporation II), Riverstone Holdings LLC, Harlan H. Chappelle, Stephen S. Coats, Michael E. Ellis, William D. Gutermuth, James T. Hackett, Pierre F. Lapeyre, David M. Leuschen, Donald R. Sinclair, Ronald J. Smith, Jeffrey H. Tepper, Thomas J. Walker, and Diana J. Walters, in the above-captioned action.

2. I am legally competent to make this declaration. I have personal knowledge and am familiar with the matters stated in this declaration, and all of the facts and statements contained herein are true and correct.

3. On January 14, 2025, Latham & Watkins LLP sent 57 CAFA Notice Packages (“Notice”). The Notice was sent by certified mail or email to 57 officials, including to the Attorney General of the United States and the Attorneys General for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories.

4. The materials sent to the Attorneys General included a cover letter which provided notice of the proposed settlement of the above-captioned case. The cover letter sent to the Attorney General of the United States is attached hereto as **Attachment 1** and includes the CAFA Notice List.

5. The cover letter was accompanied by a CD, which included the following:

- a. Class Action Complaint, ECF No. 1.
 - b. Amended Complaint, ECF No. 59.
 - c. Corrected Amended Complaint, ECF No. 60.
 - d. Second Corrected Amended Complaint, ECF No. 69.
 - e. Third Amended Complaint, ECF No. 218.
 - f. Class Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion For An Order Preliminarily Approving The Settlement With Defendants And Providing For Notice, ECF No. 1019.
 - g. Declaration Of Tor Gronborg In Support Of Class Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion For An Order Preliminarily Approving The Settlement With Defendants And Providing For Notice, ECF No. 1019-2.
- (1) Ex. 4, Stipulation And Agreement Of Settlement Between Class Plaintiffs and Defendants Alta Mesa Resources, Inc., Harlan H. Chappelle, Stephen S. Coats, Michael E. Ellis, William D. Gutermuth, James T. Hackett, Pierre F. Lapeyre, Jr., David M. Leuschen, Donald R. Sinclair, Ronald Smith, Jeffrey H. Tepper, Thomas J. Walkers, Diana J. Walters, and Riverstone Holdings LLC, dated Jan. 6, 2025, ECF No. 1019-6, which includes:
- (a) Ex. A, [Proposed] Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice;
 - (b) Ex. B, Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action;
 - (c) Ex. C, [Proposed] Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice;
 - (d) Ex. D, Proof of Claim and Release;

(e) Ex. E, Summary Notice; and

(f) Ex. F, Postcard Notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 21, 2025.

/s/ J. Christian Word

J. Christian Word

ATTACHMENT 1

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January 14, 2025

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland
Office of the Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
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The Honorable State Attorneys General
on the Enclosed Service List

Re: Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement
In re Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. 4:19-cv-00957
(S.D. Tex.)

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. (f/k/a Silver Run Acquisition Corporation II), Riverstone Holdings LLC, Harlan H. Chappelle, Stephen S. Coats, Michael E. Ellis, William D. Gutermuth, James T. Hackett, Pierre F. Lapeyre, David M. Leuschen, Donald R. Sinclair, Ronald J. Smith, Jeffrey H. Tepper, Thomas J. Walker, and Diana J. Walters (collectively, the “Defendants”) regarding the proposed class action settlement (the “Settlement”) in the matter of *In re Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 4:19-cv-00957 (S.D. Tex.) (the “Action”), pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. In compliance with the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 (“CAFA”), the Defendants hereby serve upon you notice of the Settlement.

In compliance with CAFA, the following documents referenced below relating to the Settlement are included in the compact disc accompanying this letter:

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 - (5) Ex. E, Summary Notice; and
 - (6) Ex. F, Postcard Notice.

The hearing for preliminary approval of the Settlement has not yet been scheduled, but will be heard before the Honorable George C. Hanks Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The Court has not yet entered a final judgment or a notice of dismissal in the Action with respect to Class Plaintiffs. The documents filed by the Class Plaintiffs seeking

¹ In addition to the settlement papers supplied herein, there is a confidential Supplemental Agreement relating to the threshold for requests for exclusion from the class that would trigger the Defendants' right to terminate the Settlement, which was reached contemporaneously between class counsel and counsel for the Defendants. This confidential Supplemental Agreement provides that it will not be filed with the Court unless and until the Court requires the Supplemental Agreement to be filed or its terms disclosed. It is customary for agreements of this nature to remain confidential because, as explained by a leading treatise dealing with such litigation, "[k]nowledge of the specific number of opt outs that will vitiate a settlement might encourage third parties to solicit class members to opt out." FED. JUDICIAL CTR., MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION (4th ed.) § 21.631. Other than the Stipulation made between class counsel and counsel for the Defendants (and a term sheet that predated the Stipulation and preliminarily laid out the settlement terms eventually agreed to in the Stipulation) and the Supplemental Agreement made between class counsel and counsel for the Defendants, there are no other agreements contemporaneously made concerning the Settlement of the Action.

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approval of the Settlement include a Proposed Final Judgment (ECF No. 1019-6). The Court also has not entered any written judicial opinions relating to the Settlement as of the date of this letter.

Defendants have committed to assist Class Plaintiffs' counsel and the claims administrator with identifying members of the putative class. However, many securities are held in the name of a nominee who purchased securities on someone else's behalf; it is therefore, not feasible to identify all members of the putative class at this time. It is not possible to provide the estimated proportionate share of the claims of putative class members residing in a state to the entire settlement at this time because the portion of the settlement fund each class member will receive depends on whether and when they sold their shares, as well as the number and nature of claims submitted by other class members. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(7). Much of this information will become available to Class Plaintiffs if the Court approves the Settlement and class members submit proofs of claim.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Christian Word".

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